

MINUTES
BRUNSWICK EDC
4 March 2004

Present: Wayne Allgaier, James R. Castle, Beth Johnson, Bruce Funk, James Gangawere, Judy Cheng, Toni Morgan, Mayor Jones (end of meeting).

Minutes from last month's meeting approved with one minor correction.

New Businesses in town

- "Clear of Debt" at Shopping Center (now has 100% occupancy). Eight employees.
- Joe Harrington hopes to complete sale of his business in next several weeks, and would like to have a "celebration event" in the parking lot across the street in early April, complete with band, etc.

Main Street application approved by City Council (4-2 vote) and endorsed by County Commissioners (5-0 vote). 74 letters of support, with pledges of nearly \$13,000 per year for four years. City officials go to Baltimore end of this month for interview, with decision to be made by end of April.

Welcome Baskets ready for distribution. Beth will arrange date for distribution of first ten baskets with Mayor and Dr. Allgaier, with photo op for local media.

Resource Guide. With Main Street application complete, Jim will now focus on this.

Business Breakfast.

- February 20 breakfast again well-attended, with presentations by Katherine Iachovelli (SBA) and Rich Robertson (SCORE)
- March 17 breakfast (at Green Country Inn) to feature Gary Hessong (Frederick County Permitting and Review). Starts at 7:00 am.

Potomac Valley Heritage Trail. Lee Zumbach reports by e-mail that he continues to meet with others on this project. He has suggested that "the [Mainstreet] manager could organize a tourism council that could tie the trail concept into development of downtown."

April: Community Pride Month. Plans this year include:

- Paint wall at Railroad Square.
- Jim Castle will purchase 5 or 6 inkberry bushes for replacements at RR Square.
- Paint wall on Lee Zumbaugh's building at Square Corner Park. Lee is willing to contribute 50% of the cost, up to \$250. Wayne will contact him about color. Wayne will also contact BB&T about contributing to this project.

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- Toni Morgan was authorized \$50 from EDC for plants at “Welcome to Brunswick” sign on Petersville Road.
- Still have T-shirts available from last year for sale.
- County-wide Big Sweep scheduled for April 17. We could do our own “Big Sweep” of Potomac Street the following Saturday, April 24.

EDC Budget for FY2005. Deferred pending acceptance into Main Street program.

Frederick County OED report (James Gangawere)

- Commercial Realtors’ Day
- Economic Development Day March 11, including a visit to Brunswick.

New EDC Member. Judy Cheng has been attending EDC meetings regularly, and has expressed an interest in becoming a member of the EDC. Jim will submit her name to the Mayor and, subject to his approval, this will occur at the March 23 Council meeting.

Next regular meeting of the EDC: Thursday, April 8 [*NOTE: this is the second Thursday in April*], at 7:30 pm.

Wayne Allgaier
Chairman, EDC